



CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES FACT SHEET

VA's chiropractic program exemplifies its forward-looking approach to healthcare. The program is a novel introduction of evidence-based, patient-centered care options that have been in high demand by Veterans and VA clinicians. Use of VA chiropractic services continues to grow at a rapid rate and is of particular impact in Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn, pain management and older adult populations. VA's delivery of chiropractic care is the most comprehensive integration of these services into any major United States healthcare system.

BACKGROUND

In response to Veteran demand, Congress authorized VA to begin providing chiropractic services in 1999. Since late 2004, chiropractic services have been included as part of the standard Medical Benefits Package available to all enrolled Veterans. VA provides these services on-station or by fee-basis at all medical centers.

IMPLEMENTATION

VA chiropractors (DCs) are physician-level providers similar to optometrists and podiatrists. They provide diagnosis and management of neuromuscular and musculoskeletal conditions. VA DCs are integrated with primary care, rehabilitation, and other specialty teams.

VETERANS SERVED

VA chiropractic services are used by Veterans across the continuum of care, yet there is particular value in populations with a high

prevalence of musculoskeletal conditions such as:

- OEF/OIF/OND
- Pain management
- Women Veterans
- Older adults
- Spinal cord injury/illness



SERVICES

VA DCs provide diagnosis and management consistent with both VA and external evidence-based guidelines. Treatment options

include patient education, active rehabilitation, spinal manipulation and other manual therapies. VA DCs may also provide acupuncture or other novel therapies as non-pharmacologic options for Veteran care.

TRENDS

From fiscal years 2005 through 2011 the number of VA chiropractic clinics increased by 69% and the number of Veterans receiving care at these clinics increased more than fivefold. The number of Veterans receiving fee-basis chiropractic services during this time increased more than six fold.

RESEARCH AND ACADEMICS

The VA chiropractic program is committed to research leading to improved function, health and quality of life for Veterans, and fostering educational opportunities for chiropractic and other medical trainees.





VA Chiropractic Clinics

VA provides these services on-site at one or more VA facilities in each VISN. VA facilities that do not have on-site chiropractic clinics provide these services via the fee-basis mechanism.

As of April 2012 the following VA facilities have established on-site chiropractic clinics:

VISN	Location	VISN	Location
1	Togus, ME West Haven, CT Newington, CT	12	Iron Mountain, MI Tomah, WI
2	Buffalo, NY Batavia, NY Canandaigua, NY Rochester, NY CBOC Bath, NY Syracuse, NY	15	Kansas City, MO St. Louis, MO Poplar Bluff, MO
3	Bronx, NY	16	Jackson, MS
4	Butler, PA	17	Dallas, TX Temple, TX Austin, TX San Antonio, TX
5	Martinsburg, WV	18	Phoenix, AZ Albuquerque, NM
6	Salisbury, NC	19	Ft. Harrison, MT
7	Augusta, GA	20	American Lake, WA
8	Tampa, FL Miami, FL Oakland Park, FL	21	Sacramento, CA Redding, CA Martinez, CA
9	Mountain Home, TN	22	West Los Angeles, CA Sepulveda, CA Loma Linda, CA Las Vegas, NV
10	Columbus, OH Dayton, OH Chillicothe, OH	23	Sioux Falls, SD
11	Danville, IL		

References

General VA Medical Benefits

<http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/coveredservices/StandardBenefits.asp>

VA Chiropractic Service Intranet

<http://vaww.rehab.va.gov/CS/index.asp>

